

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 26-37, 47 and 48 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 47 and 48 are rewritten in independent form and claims 44-46 and 49 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Truong for allowing claims 1-12 and 26-37 and for recognizing allowable subject matter in claims 47 and 48. By this Amendment, claims 47 and 48 are rewritten in independent form.

In the Office Action, claims 44-46 and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 3,822,051 to Karapita. The rejection is respectfully traversed. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, claims 44-46 and 49 are cancelled. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested.

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